

Executive Registry

86- 3755X

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

August 18, 1986

TO: WILLIAM J. CASEY  
The Director of  
Central Intelligence  
HQ CIA, Room 7D-60

FROM: WALTER RAYMOND, JR.

I am forwarding to you for background the letter we have received in the White House from Dante Fascell. This spells out the basic issue of a Presidential Council for International Communications.

I will continue to work on this within the government to seek to develop a consensus around the idea.

Attachment

STEPHEN J. BOLANZ New York  
DON BOUTER Washington  
GERRY E. STUODS Massachusetts  
DAN McCABE Idaho  
W. HAT C. BARNES Maryland  
HOWARD W. COPE Michigan  
GEO. W. GOSSETT JR. Michigan  
SAM GLUCKINSON Connecticut  
MERVYN M. DYMAALLY California  
TOM LANTOS California  
PETER W. KOSTMAYER Pennsylvania  
ROBERT G. TORRICELLI New Jersey  
LAWRENCE J. SMITH Florida  
HOWARD L. BERMAN California  
HARRY REID Nevada  
NE. LEVINE California  
EDWARD F. FEIGHAN Ohio  
TED WEISS New York  
GARY L. ACKERMAN New York  
BUDDY MACKAY Florida  
MORRIS K. UDALL Arizona  
ROBERT GARCIA New York

ROBERT J. LAGOMARSINO Connecticut  
JIM LEACH Iowa  
TOBY ROTH Wisconsin  
OLYMPIA J. SNOWE Maine  
HENRY J. HYDE Illinois  
GERALD P. S. LOMAX New York  
DUOL BIRNBAUM Nebraska  
MARY C. SILJANDER Michigan  
ED ZSCHAU California  
ROBERT A. DORNAN California  
CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH New Jersey  
CONNIE MACK Florida  
MICHAEL D. WINE Ohio  
DAN BURTON Indiana  
JOHN MCCAIN Arizona

**Congress of the United States**  
**Committee on Foreign Affairs**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

JOHN J. BRADY JR.  
Chief of Staff

April 9, 1986

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing you on a subject which I know is close to your heart -- international communications. It has long been my feeling that this is a field in which not only you personally, but also key members of your administration, have made a very significant contribution.

The "World Net" program, established under Charles Wick's leadership, is just one example of the innovative approach which has enabled the U.S. Information Agency to reach foreign audiences via local television stations.

I nevertheless believe that in this information age we lack a national strategy in dealing with our foreign competition and tend to deal with the computer and telecommunications sectors, the financial and trade sectors, the news media and education communities, and the foreign policy and national security communities -- all in isolation from one another. What we need is a mechanism for systematically and periodically reviewing all our options. We must be certain that we are taking the right steps both in the private sector and in the public sector and taking them together.

For that reason, I would like to suggest that a permanent Presidential Council be established to act as an advisory body on national strategy to the President, Congress, and the private sector.

To be effective, such a group should include all the principal actors involved in the two concerned branches of government and representative leaders in the private sector. Under the auspices of the Congressional Study Group on International Communications and

The President

April 9, 1986

Page Two

Information, sponsored by the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), such a body has already effectively been created. I would recommend simply putting an executive branch stamp on this group, calling it the Presidential Council on International Communications and Information Policy to be chaired by the U.S. Coordinator and Director for International Communications and Information Policy from the Department of State.

The Council I envision would not have any direct role. Its basic purpose would be to recommend a coherent framework within which the United States would:

- maintain its lead in technology;
- assure that communications-related exports remain a driving force of our national economy;
- and use its foreign policy apparatus to promote U.S. interests, to safeguard and promote our cherished values, and to further the prosperity of our citizens.

Mr. President, I hope you will give this idea your serious consideration. I would be pleased to discuss this matter in greater detail with any of your advisers in the communications area.

With personal best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,



Dante B. Fascell  
Chairman

DBF:jcy



EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

## ROUTING SLIP

TO:

		ACTION	INFO	DATE	INITIAL
1	DCI		X		
2	DDCI				
3	EXDIR				
4	D/ICS				
5	DDI		X		
6	DDA		X		
7	DDO		X		
8	DDS&T		X		
9	Chm/NIC		X		
10	GC				
11	IG				
12	Compt				
13	D/OLL		X		
14	D/PAO				
15	D/PERS				
16	VC/NIC				
17	C/PPS/DO		X		
18	D/OGI/DI		X		
19					
20					
21					
22					

SUSPENSE

Date

Remarks

25X1

Executive Secretary

20 Aug 86

Date

3637 (10-81)